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SUBJECT: PA REPORTS MORE JENIN-AREA INCURSIONS

11 Incursions in Jenin
Area A from 18-22 December

¶1. (SBU) The IDF conducted 11 separate raids and patrols in Area A in Jenin Governorate from December 18-22, searching five houses and detaining two Palestinians, according to PA National Security Forces (NSF) and District Coordinating Office (DCO) contacts. The IDF operated in central Jenin twice December 19-20, and in the Area A towns of al-Jarba, Kafr Ra'i, Qabatiya, Araqa, Yabad and Kufrayt, including four daylight raids, according to Palestinian security contacts. The IDF also conducted raids in the Area A towns of Kafr Qud, Hashimiya and Araqa December 21-22, and set up flying checkpoints inside Area A between villages.

¶2. (SBU) According to NSF and Palestinian Monitoring Group (PMG) staff, in addition to increased Jenin-area incursions, the IDF has stepped up placement of flying checkpoints in Areas B/C between Jenin Governorate towns. PA security contacts complained to ConGenOffs that these checkpoints obstruct movement of people and goods and complicate PA security responses to Area A/B villages from Jenin.
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